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1. The Kwangtung Military District is in the process of organizing a patrol and garrison headquarters for the Wanshan Islands to be commanded by LI Shu-chang (李樹章). One battalion of the Communist Marine Corps has been sent from Whampoa to reinforce troops now in the islands. Twenty radios are included in their equipment. In addition, a garrison headquarters commanded by CHANG Sheng-wu (張道武) has been established for the Ta Ya Wan (Bias Bay, 114-40, 22-40) area. Serving this headquarters are three recently organized combat patrol battalions and two revenue boats which patrol Bias Bay and protect shipments of wolframite going from Haifeng (115-20, 22-58) and Lufeng (115-38, 22-58) to Canton.
2. The Communist Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee has issued orders that coastal areas are to be garrisoned by regular field army troops and that local militia units are to occupy interior positions.
3. Although the Chinese Communist authorities in Kwangtung and Kwangsi are not openly enforcing conscription, they are in need of troops. In the past they drafted Nationalist-trained troops for use as reinforcements. At present, the authorities are drafting men from the local self-defense corps. Manpower is also obtained by training captured guerrillas and anti-Communist workers. Those who are not conscripted in this manner are confined to hard labor "until death". There are several concentration camps in the vicinity of Canton and one in Chungshan Hsien, Kwangtung.
4. The Military and Political University of the Central and South China District has begun training local Communist troops in rotation. It no longer requires an entrance examination for prospective students. The Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column has been ordered to send its low-ranking officers to the university for training; the Column has been allotted a quota of 20 percent of the student body.

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